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SUPPLEMENT ON FOREIGN BOOKS

French - German - Italian

Mrs. Natasha Smillie, in cooperation with the dealer, B. Westermann Company, Inc., 24 West 48th Street, New York, has selected these titles in French, German and Italian, suitable for individual or group reading and for holiday gifts. The prices are necessarily tentative. Further information about these and other titles can be obtained from Westermann's. This list is suggested simply as a nucleus, and the information given about the individual titles is intended as a guide for selling. Plus sales might be secured through calling this service to the attention of your customers who are interested in foreign books.

FRENCH BOOKS

Benoit, P. — **LA DAME DE L'OUEST** *(The Lady of the West)* — Albin Michel

A new departure for Benoit: Western United States and the first settlers in South Dakota and Colorado. A plot full of interest and vitality and appealingly vivid descriptions. About $1.50

Other titles by the same author:
BOISSIERE
AXELLE
LA CHATELAINE DU LIBAN

Billy, A. — **QUEL HOMME ES-TU?** *(What Man Are You?)* — Flammarion

For those interested in the Proust school of thought and writing. Well written and well named is this story of a retired officer in Versailles and the reader will find it difficult to answer the question posed by the title.
About $1.50

Blum, Leon — **LA REFORME GOUVERNMENTAL** *(The Governmental Reform)* — Grasset

*** This appeared in 1918 under the title of *Letters About The Governmental Reform;* the present edition has been changed and added to and gives the summing up, the justification and complete development of Leon Blum's ideas on governmental work, ministerial stability and magisterial reform. The author remains invariably in the spirit and boundaries of the democratic constitution. Very clearly presented and of timely interest. About $1.50

Bordeaux, H. — **L'INTRUSE** *(The Intruder)* — Plon

A post-war family and its disintegration keeps the reader in suspense and causes his sympathies to waver from the husband, a brilliant surgeon, to his wife,

to the charming and attractive "friend", to the young daughter. Sound psychology, and as usual, beautifully written. About $1.50

de Croisset, F. LE DRAGON BLESSE Grasset
(The Wounded Dragon)

*** Probably the best book Croisset has written so far, even more enjoyable than *FEERIE CINGHALAISE* and *LA DAME DE MALACCA*. This is the author's own travels through China and Japan, his impressions and descriptions are delightful and humorous; his comparisons and summing up of these two countries - superb. Do not miss it. About $1.50

Kessel, J. LA PASSANTE DU SANS-SOUCI Gallimard
(The Passer-By Of Sans-Souci)

** This new Kessel is again a delight and a surprise. The highly tragic story of a woman escaped from the Nazi, trying to make her living in Paris and to support a little crippled boy she has brought with her, and to help her husband, still imprisoned in Germany. The understanding of a woman's soul is amazing - the pictures of night life in Paris, revealing. More than worth while. About $1.50

Other titles by the same author:
LA STEPPE ROUGE
STAVISKY
LE REPOS DE L'EQUIPAGE

Nemirovsky, T. JEZABEL Albin Michel
(Jezebel)

A violent drama with a sinister heroine, Jezebel, who is made human by being presented as a very modern woman, Gladys Eysenach, with modern strivings and handicaps. Makes fascinating reading. About $1.50

Other titles by the same author:
DAVID GOLDER
LE BAL

Simeon L'EVADE Gallimard
(Escaped)

The story of an escaped convict is the basis of a fascinating plot: his quiet and respectable life as a teacher after his escape, his happiness and tranquility of mind finally shattered by an unexpected meeting with a friend from his former life, his second escape. Interesting reading with a good psychological approach. About $1.50

GERMAN BOOKS

Hauptmann, G. IM WIRBEL DER BERUFUNG S. Fischer
(In The Whirlpool of a Vocation)

Laid in Germany at the beginning of the 19th century, this is the story of a young dramatist - Gotter. An early marriage, then a chance to make his career at one of the smaller courts where he meets a young actress for whom he almost gives up his career and marriage. The appearance of his wife, just in time, proves a shock which is too much for Gotter, but after his subsequent illness, he recovers and finds himself changed into a mature man. Beautifully written and a perfect picture of a century ago. About $2.75

Mayer, T. H. **ÄRZTE** C. Zschäpe
(Doctors)

Appealing propaganda for the heroism of doctors and research workers in battles to disvoer nature's secrets, forms the background for the story of young Dr. Danhauser and his wife. Beautifully conceived and conveyed. About $1.80

Rohde, H. **DAS DUNKLE HERZ** S. Fischer
(The Dark Heart)

* Told by a young woman, for whom all mankind is divided into dark and light souls, this is the story of two sisters, one of whom kills the child of the other in a moment of aberration. The story-teller does not psychoanalyze the characters but simply traces the mental tangles back to their roots. A good example of nature confronted by morality. Simply written. About $1.40

Zeise, F. **DIE ARMADA** E. Rowohlt
(The Armada)

*** The tragic life of Juan of Austria, the illegitimate son of King Charles V, told in strong Titian strokes and colors. Pictures of the Inquisition, the warring of the German vassals against death and the devil, excursions of war galleys in the Mediterranean - all are vividly drawn and make fascinating reading. About $2.50

ITALIAN BOOKS

Brancati, V. **L'AMICO DEL VINCITORE** Ceschina
(The Conqueror's Friend)

*** Beneath the disguise of the insignificant but conceited story of young Pietro Dellini, can be discovered an intimate picture of Mussolini's youth from his childhood to the well remembered polar expedition. Revelations as to the Italians' attitude towards their leader. Most interesting reading. About $1.50

Loria, A. **LA SCUOLA DI BALLO** Ed. di Solaria
(The Dancing School)

Nine short stories dealing mostly with the lower middle classes of Italy. Excellent local color and the understanding and subtle psychology make even the most squalid and dingy settings and facts beautiful. About $1.40

Radice, R. **VITA COMICA DI CORINNA** Ceschina
(The Comic Life of Corinna)

The little orphan Corinna grows up with too much money, attention and ambition and not enough control of any kind, makes a mess of her short and pathetic life and dies in a most unexpected and terrible way - which is almost comic. About $1.50

Varaldo, A. **TRE CATENE D'ARGENTO** Ceschina
(Three Silver Chains)

Faustine's life of intrigue could almost be a detective novel, with the three silver chains running through it like clues. A good picture of Italian rural life in contrast with the life of "gilded youth" in the big city. Interesting and easy reading. About $1.50